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TARGETS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NHS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has fixed any targets for construction of national highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details of targets fixed and targets achieved during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for slow construction of national highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken for timely completion of the projects;

(e) whether the government has fixed any norms for maintaining quality of national highways;

(f) if so, whether these norms are being followed by the construction companies; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of samples of material used in the construction of national highways lifted by NHAI alongwith the findings thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (Dr. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a)&(b) Yes Madam. Details of target and achievement for construction of National Highways by NHAI during the last three years and current year are as under:

Year	Target in km	Achievement in km
2008-09	3519	2205
2009-10	3165	2693
2010-11	2500	1780
2011-12	2500	823 (upto October, 2011)

(c)&(d) Progress in implementation of National Highway Development Projects has been affected mainly due to poor performance of some contractors, delays in obtaining forest/wild life/ railway clearances, law & order problems in some states apart from delay in land acquisition. In order to expedite implementation of projects Regional Offices each headed by Chief General Manager have been set up by NHAI for close monitoring of implementation of projects. Measures have been taken to expedite the land acquisition and shifting of utilities etc. Achievement of targets is being monitored closely. Projects are periodically reviewed at field and at Head Quarters.

(e) All NHDP projects are implemented as per norms laid down in Indian Roads Congress guidelines/Ministry's specifications. For each project, quality assurance plan is prepared by the contractor/concessionaire as well as supervision consultant, which is being followed during the execution. Supervision Consultants/Independent Engineers monitor the projects for maintaining quality on regular

basis.

(f)&(g) During periodic site inspections, if any unsuitable/sub-standard quality of materials or works is noticed, the same is got rectified as per standards and specifications of National Highway works and this is a continuous process.